

## CONGO STATE EXPOSE ANGERS KING LEOPOLD

Protests to England Against Publication of Book Telling of Atrocities and Murders Committed by Belgian Officers.

Volume Issued in London, But Not Now on Sale. Work of English Officers, Who Served Congo Company—Tells of Cruelties.

LONDON, March 21.—The sensation of the book publishing season was the appearance this month of "The Curse of Central Africa," which is the latest contribution to the sickening history of the Congo Free State of which Leopold, King of the Belgians, is the autocratic sovereign.

Before the book appeared, it is stated in the introduction, the administration of the Congo Free State applied to England for a legal injunction to prevent its publication. The preliminaries to a libel act were also taken in behalf of three officials whose names in certain proof sheets had been sent to the Free State Company. These names were subsequently omitted in the book. Almost immediately a rumor came from Brussels that King Leopold had protested to English authorities against the publication of the book.

Book Not Now on Sale.

Whatever may be the facts, an attempt made yesterday to purchase a copy resulted in the discovery that the book had been withdrawn from sale. This, however, may be only temporary.

The authors of the book are Captain Guy Burrows, who resigned his commission in the Seventh Hussars to enter the service of the Congo Free State Company, to whom Henry M. Stanley had recommended him; and Edgar Canisius, who also spent several years in the company's service. The authors declare that they have absolute ground of everything in the book, and also of much that is not printed because the book was intended for general circulation. What is published, however, is sufficiently horrible and revolting. It appears that the natives have only been delivered from Arab slave-drivers to become the slaves of the Free State Company. The stories of cruelties practiced by officials of the latter surpass the ghastliest tales of the old slave trade.

Appalling Cruelties Practiced.

The main staple of the Congo trade is rubber. The villagers are obliged each to send in to the company's stations a certain amount, which is so great that it takes up the entire time of the people. The villagers wear around their necks a zinc badge of servitude, with their names and numbers. If they bring in, at the fortnightly muster, a quantity which the agent deems insufficient they are handed over to the soldiers, thrown on the ground, and flogged with a hippopotamus hide whip, receiving from 50 to 100 lashes. The natives are reduced to this practical slavery by means of a military force which surrounds a village and shoots the men and such women as try to escape. The rest are taken prisoners and sent to distant plantations, where they are practically slaves. They cannot escape, for death in the jungle awaits them.

Villages Destroyed.

When expeditions go out to reduce fresh tribes the soldiers capture all the men, women, and children they possibly can and burn the villages, which are abandoned on their approach. One practice on these occasions was for the soldiers to cut off the left hand of all the men, women, and children killed, and bring them to the commissary, who "counted them to see that the soldiers had not wasted any cartridges."

A photograph which is reproduced in the book shows Major Lethaire and other Belgian officials looking at and following a gruesome scene of two chiefs who, with 400 people, had come in to place themselves under Lethaire's protection, being suspended from a horizontal pole by cords from their necks, waists, and ankles, in the most painful attitudes. After having been thus suspended these two wretches were scalped. Then their skin bones were saved through by the negro servants of the Belgian doctor.

Natives Tortured "For Amusement."

After their ears, noses, and lips were cut off, for "the amusement of the white onlookers." This torture lasted for an hour, after which the men were thrown into the bush. Stories of similar torture of men, women, and children are scattered through the book, with accounts of the general system of administration of this vast district of 800,000 square miles, which give evidence of the existence of an appalling state of affairs. The entire conduct of affairs, the book declares, is a violation of the solemn pledges given to the European nations when the Congo Free State was created.

THROWS HIMSELF UNDER TRAIN TO END TROUBLE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 21.—Frank H. Connell, aged sixty years, president of the Nashville Chair and Carriage Company, threw himself under a freight train on the Southern morning at this point, and was instantly killed. Mr. Connell had been in the week and appeared on his person show that plant of the company in a destroyed by fire, and the insurance was threatened. A daughter in Nashville, Chicago. He remains were village tonight.

## THRONE TO PROSCRIBE REFORM PUBLICATIONS

Chinese Government Fearful of Their Growing Influence.

PEKIN, March 21.—It is learned on the highest authority that the throne is about to issue an edict proscribing reform publications, especially those issued by the followers of Kung Yu Wei. On account of the wide circulation of these publications since 1900 the government is becoming fearful of their effect, although they no longer attack the Manchurian dynasty or the government, but urge the adoption of better educational facilities.

The Kung Yu Wei papers take this stand, notwithstanding the fact that all persons devoted to the reform are prohibited from entering the universities. The purpose of the edict, however, is to check the circulation of the publications, and the government is making every effort to suppress them. The edict is in accordance with French public sentiment.

## AMERICAN MISSIONARY KNIGHTED BY KING VICTOR

ROME, March 21.—The Rev. Dr. Burt, of the American Mission Among Italians, has been knighted by King Victor Emmanuel in recognition of his successful efforts for the education of Italian children.

Italy will send a squadron of the Italian fleet to Algeria as a compliment to "President" Loubet when the French President arrives there.

## GEN. VERGANSIUS HONORARY MINISTER OF STATE FOR LIFE

THE HAGUE, March 21.—General Vergansius, the minister of war, has been appointed an honorary minister of state for life. This distinction is significant because General Vergansius was chiefly responsible for the measures taken last January to maintain order during the railway strike.

## OIL SHIP DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION; CREW ESCAPES

BORDEAUX, March 21.—The Dutch bark Amvicta, from New York, January 23, caught fire and blew up while anchored off the small port of Reuilie. Her cargo had been removed, with the exception of 400 barrels of petroleum.

Only the bowsprit of the bark remained above the water. Barrels of petroleum exploded as they floated in the water, and the flaming oil spread over a large surface. All on board escaped, though all were more or less burned.

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Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for more sickness and suffering than any other disease. Therefore, when through neglect or other causes, kidney trouble is permitted to continue fatal results are sure to follow. Kidney trouble irritates the nerves, makes you dizzy, restless, sleepless and irritable. Make you pass water often through the day and obliges you get up many times during the night.

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If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular 50-cent and \$1 size bottles at the drug stores. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root—Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

## DECLARES CHURCH HAS VIOLATED AGREEMENTS

French Premier Says Rupture With Holy See Is Possible.

PARIS, March 21.—Premier Combes, speaking in the senate this afternoon, said that a rupture of the present relations between the Catholic Church and the government is possible in the near future, owing to the fact that the Church has violated the concordat, or agreement for the settlement of ecclesiastical matters, between the Holy See and the government.

The government, he added, were it not for this violation, would be only too willing to have the concordat remain in existence, as it is in accordance with French public sentiment.

## TOMB OF ATTILA SAID TO HAVE BEEN FOUND

Antiquarians Interested in Reported Discovery Near Marburg.

LONDON, March 21.—According to a "Morning Advertiser" dispatch from Vienna, an interesting announcement comes from Marburg. It is said that a peasant of St. Johann, in the Drave Valley, has discovered the grave of the Hunnish King, Attila, in that district. Antiquarians had made repeated searches, as they were convinced that the grave of the great King would ultimately be found.

The peasant who made the find discovered, while digging his land in the vicinity of the Drave, a bronze coffin, beside which were several instruments, also of bronze, and underneath it a large stone bearing, in addition to other inscriptions, the name of Attila.

Attila, King of the Huns, died in 453 A. D., from the bursting of a blood vessel on the night of his marriage to a beautiful Gothic maiden. It is stated that he was buried with great pomp by his followers, but where has been a mystery for centuries. His demise occurred after the withdrawal of the Huns and Visigoths from Italy and Gaul.

It was characteristic of the hordes over which Attila ruled to fill the graves of their dead with precious ornaments, with the result that the expression "to find a Hun's grave" passed into the Teutonic languages as indicative of a stroke of good fortune.

## MR. HEALD'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Bradley Heald took place yesterday afternoon at his late home, 1720 N. Street northwest. The Rev. T. H. Hamlin, officiating. Interment was in Rock Creek Cemetery. Mr. Heald was well known both here and in Harrisburg.

## SOCIETY SENDS LORD GORDON TO COVENTRY

Recent Scandal Too Much for Even London Fashionables.

LONDON, March 21.—Lord Granville Gordon, whose present wife made some damaging admissions concerning her relations with him while she was living with her former husband, Eric Gordon, has been compelled to retire from the turf and other clubs, on account of the scandals with which he has been connected.

His character is so well known that for a long time he has almost been boycotted socially. He has not been seen even in his usual haunts since his wife ran away with her daughter in defiance of the order of the court that the child be surrendered to Eric Gordon.

The social penalties of this strange couple are so severe that the judge was quite within the truth when he remarked from the bench that it would be impossible for them to live in England for many years.

## HAMILTON FISH TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE

Hamilton Fish, whose nomination to the position of Assistant Treasurer of New York has recently been confirmed by the Senate, was sworn into office late yesterday afternoon at the Treasury Department. On Monday, Mr. Fish, Treasurer of the United States, who is now in charge of the New York treasury will go to New York, and formally transfer the business to Mr. Fish. Mr. Fish has detailed twenty clerks to make an account of all the assets of the New York office and two clerks of Mr. Fish's choosing will see that everything is accounted for to his satisfaction. The assets of the office amounted to about \$255,000,000.

## ABANDONS WORK FOR THE GOLD FIELDS

Brig. Gen. A. W. Greely, chief signal officer of the army, has been informed that nearly every civilian engaged in putting up military telegraph lines in Alaska has quit the work to go to the newly discovered gold fields in the Tanana section, which are said to be richer than the Klondike fields. Many of the enlisted men of the Signal Corps in Alaska are asking for discharge. The work of constructing the telegraph lines has been greatly retarded by these defections.

## SENT TO ST. ELIZABETH'S.

Wandering aimlessly about the streets, May Baily, a middle-aged negro woman, was arrested by Policemen Schmidt, of the Ninth precinct, yesterday. When taken to the station she was unable to make a coherent explanation of her actions and appeared to be insane. An examination of her mental condition showed that her mind was deranged. She was sent to St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

## FIRST BRITISH PORTIA ASKS ADMISSION TO BAR

Gray's Inn Benchers Stirred by Unnamed Woman's Application.

LONDON, March 21.—A woman has applied for admission to the English bar, this being the first time that such an application has been made. The applicant, whose name is not divulged, seeks admission to Gray's Inn, one of the four Inns of Court.

The benchers are surprised that such applications have not been made before, in view of the fact that women practice law in the United States and France. They will consider the request during April, and the result is awaited with interest. An application made by a woman for admission to the Scottish bar in 1900 was refused.

The four Inns of Court are the Middle Temple, the Inner Temple, Lincoln's Inn, and Gray's Inn. These Inns are governed by benchers, under whose superintendence lie the admission and education of students for the bar, the calling of barristers, and the regulation of the profession.

## STORY OF ENGAGEMENT OF MISS ASTOR REVIVED

Crown Princess of Roumania Said to Have Interceded for Bratiano.

VIENNA, March 21.—According to the "Wiener Journal," the engagement of M. Bratiano, the Roumanian minister of foreign affairs, to Miss Astor, daughter of William Waldorf Astor, is an accomplished fact. A story is current in Bucharest that a Roumanian lady of high social rank, maddened by jealousy, sent a letter to Miss Astor traducing Bratiano's character, and that in consequence of this Miss Astor left Bucharest. Bratiano, who was suffering from a nervous attack, applied to the crown princess of Roumania to intercede for him with Miss Astor. This intercession, it is stated, proved successful, and Miss Astor returned to Vienna, where the engagement was finally decided on.

Other accounts say Bratiano is deeply in debt and that he is speculating on securing some of the Astor fortune.

## CUNARD LINE TO BUILD TWO MORE GREYHOUNDS

Experiments to Obtain Speed With Low Fuel Consumption Concluded.

GLASGOW, March 21.—The placing of the contracts for the proposed two Cunard liners of high speed is now within sight.

Repeated experiments of a most complete nature have been concluded, which will soon result in a request by the Cunard people for revised tenders from the various builders. It is reported that the immediate result of these experiments is the solving of the secret of high speed with moderate fuel consumption.

## IRISH VIEWS.

The Rev. Eugene Sheehy, of County Limerick, Ireland, displays stereoscopic views of every county in Ireland at the Lafayette Theater tonight. Father Sheehy has long been prominently connected with Irish affairs.

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Single Breasted Sack Suits, in Gray Homespun, with serge lining; cut on what is known as "Pattern E" of the "Fit Reform" system. You have never known \$15 to buy better **\$12.50**

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We've had made up a lot of Boys' Double Breasted and Norfolk Short Pants Suits, and with each Suit we've supplied an extra pair of Pants. Two pairs of Pants—that's what the mothers will appreciate.

They are neat fancy patterns, that are dressy in effect; but of color and style that can go right into the rough and tumble of school or play wear and come out victors. We insist on double seam sewing and reinforcing all through our Suits for the Boys; buttons on tight; patent waist-bands and all the other details that cost us a little more but insure satisfaction.

The sizes of this special lot of Suits range from 4 to 16 years, and they are \$5.00 values.

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### A Monday Only Hosiery Special.

The story is just this. In an importation of Spring Hosiery, we received 32 dozen pairs more than we ordered. The makers offered us a price to keep them and as they are the best value we've ever seen for a popular price we're glad to do it—and to do more—give them to you for what we saved by the concession.

They are new stripes and embroidered lace-work patterns and Plain Blacks, of Mace yarn. Fine as lisle thread and doubly as durable. We're not going to sell these by the pair—but by the five pairs—that gives you \$1.45's worth of seasonable Half Hosiery for a dollar.

**5 Pairs for \$1.00.**

### The Shoe Sale Runs On.

They are exceptionally good values or we wouldn't have touched them; they are Shoes we can guarantee, or we wouldn't have brought a pair of them into this stock; they are new and attractive styles. They are Shoes you'll be buying inside of a month and at almost twice what you can make selection for now. The majority are sample Shoes—Men's and Women's—high and low cut.

Women's Black Vici Kid Button and Lace Shoes, of medium weight; worth \$1.75 a pair **\$1.25**

Women's Black Vici Kid, Velvet Kid and Box Calf Button and Lace Shoes and Oxford. Worth \$3 **\$1.90**

Women's Sample Evening Slippers, in Kid and Patent Leather; plain and beaded. Worth \$3.50 a pair **\$1.85**

Men's Black Vici Kid, Box Calf and Patent Calf Lace Shoes; also Patent Calf Oxfords. Worth \$3 a pair **\$1.95**

Men's Sample Oxfords, in Vici Kid, Eli and Box Calf and Patent Leather; straight-lace and Blucher. Worth \$3.50 and \$4 a pair **\$2.35**

Boys' and Youths' Black Wax Calf and Vici Kid Lace Shoes; all solid leather. Worth \$2 a pair **\$1.35**

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